**Extension Activity**

**Biographical Research**

Biography is one of the interesting writing styles, that allow the reader to discover aspects about a person, and allows the reader and writer to reflect on their own lives. This series of activities is designed to allow you to develop your reading, writing and research skills as an extension to your autobiographical writing.

**This activity should be added to your Writing Folio Folder.**

**Task One**- Choose a person of interest to you. This could be a historical character, a pop star or celebrity, a political figure or a fictional character.

**Task Two-** Research your chosen person. Use the library, your computer or any information you can access out of school. Wikipedia is a starting point, but be aware that information on this site is not necessarily accurate or true. Use the further references from Wikipedia to extend your research. Begin by recording the personal details of your chosen person. (name, birth, death, appearance, activities, family, important friends,) Include photos or illustrations if available.

**Task Three-** Choose your writing activity. This could be a series of diary entries for a week, or month. It could be a historical account. It could be a fictional dialogue between your character and other characters. Talk to your teacher about your possibilities.

**Task Four-** Complete and edit your writing for final presentation. Consider presenting an oral presentation to a class or small group of students about interesting aspects of your character.